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SUBJ: MOBUTU CRITICIZES STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEKEND WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA, BOTH EXPRESSED TO ME THEIR PROFOUND CONCERN ABOUT RECENT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS THE AMBASSADOR'S DOWNPLAYING THE SOVIET THREAT TO AFRICA, AND HIS ALLEGED EXPRESSION OF GREAT ADMIRATION FOR ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO IN THE WIDELY-CIRCULATED MAGAZINE "JEUNE AFRIQUE". THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND SUCH SENTIMENT EXPRESSED BY A HIGH US OFFICIAL TOWARD A LEADER WHO THEY REGARD AS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAUNCHING ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST A NEIGHBORING STATE AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE US. THEY TENDED TO ASSESS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF A NUMBER OF RECENT STATEMENTS FROM WASHINGTON WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, HAVE MADE CLEAR US RELUCTANCE TO HELP ZAIRE AND WHICH HAVE THEREBY SERVED TO ENCOURAGE ZAIRE'S FOES TO PURSUE THEIR AGGRESSIVE POLICIES.

2. LAST NIGHT NGUZA CALLED ME--OBVIOUSLY AT PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S INSTIGATION -- TO ASK ABOUT WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO CRITICISM OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG WHICH MOBUTU MADE TO ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE AND WHICH HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED IN NEWSWEEK.
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I TOLD NGUZA I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY REACTION NOR HAD I EVEN SEEN WHAT DE BORCHGRAVE REPORTED. I ASSUMED THAT IF THERE WERE ANY OFFICIAL REACTION IT WOULD BE CONVEYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. I ADDED THAT, WHILE I WAS AWARE OF MOBUTU'S CONCERNS AS CONVEYED TO ME PRIVATELY, NGUZA WAS ALSO AWARE OF MY OWN BELIEF -- AS EXPRESSED TO BOTH HIM AND THE PRESIDENT ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO -- THAT IT WAS IN OUR

COMMON INTEREST THAT AMERICA'S FRIENDS EXERCISE PATIENCE
AND UNDERSTANDING, RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN PUBLIC
CRITICISM, AS OUR NEW ADMINISTRATION SETTLES IN AND REVIEWS US
FOREIGN POLICIES. I SAID SUCH RESTRAINT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
HELPFUL AT A TIME WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO DETER-
MINE HOW IT MIGHT BEST ASSIST ZAIRE IN ITS PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.

3. I SUSPECT THAT, DESPITE MY ADVICE, OUR ZAIRIAN FRIENDS
WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY PUBLICLY ABOUT CURRENT US ATTITUDES
TOWARD AFRICA.
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